

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: March 26, 2002

Place: Room 118

Convened: 10:04 AM **Recessed:** 10:07 AM **Reconvened:** 10:58 AM **Adjourned:** 12:07 PM

Present: Senators Gaskill-CH, Sexton-VC, Black-RM, Fink, Greiner
Representatives Drake-CH, Kettering-VC, Mertz-RM, Baudler, Eddie, Hahn, May, Quirk, Schrader

Absent:

Excused:

Before convening the meeting, Co-Chairman Senator Thurman Gaskill requested that all amendments be distributed among committee members.

Senator Fink requested that Senator Black be excused until he arrives, and that the Democrats be excused for a caucus at some time during the meeting.

Co-Chairman Senator Gaskill called the meeting to order in Room 118 on Tuesday, April 26, 2002, at 10:04 AM.

The roll was called with Senator Black excused until he arrives. Senator Sexton moved the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as distributed, and Representative Baudler seconded it.

Senator Gaskill briefly reviewed and explained the amendments that had been distributed. Included were LSB 6016 Amendments 201, 302, 303, 701, and 702. Senator Gaskill recessed the committee for party caucuses at 10:07 AM.

The committee meeting reconvened at 10:58 AM. Senator Fink presented Amendment 301, and requested that it be the first considered by the committee. The amendment increased DNR funding from the LSB 6016 level back to the 2002 budget level. Senator Gaskill agreed to take up Amendment 301, and recognized Senator Fink for remarks. Senator Fink gave opening remarks and then deferred to Representative Schrader to make additional comments. Representative Schrader moved to divide the amendment into Division A and Division B. Division A will consist of lines 4 and 5, and Division B will be the remainder of the amendment. Representative Schrader made closing remarks on Division A. Senator Fink requested a record roll call. Senator Sexton requested a Republican caucus at 11:05 AM.

The committee reconvened at 11:16 AM. Senator Gaskill called for further discussion on Division A of Amendment 301. Seeing none, the secretary called a record roll call. Amendment 301-Division A passed 13-1, with Senator Greiner voting Nay.

Senator Gaskill called for a vote on Amendment 301-Division B. Senator Fink asked for a record vote. Amendment 301-Division B failed by a vote of 6-8. Ayes: Black, Fink, Mertz, May, Quirk, and Schrader. Nays: Gaskill, Sexton, Greiner, Drake, Kettering, Baudler, Eddie, and Hahn.

Senator Gaskill asked for consideration of Amendment 201 – which allows the Department of Natural Resources to move funds around within their department. Discussion followed. Division

was requested and the amendment passed 8-6. Ayes: Gaskill, Sexton, Greiner, Drake, Kettering, Baudler, Eddie, and Hahn. Nays: Black, Fink, Mertz, May, Quirk, and Schrader.

Senator Gaskill asked for consideration for Amendment 702, allowing the Department of Agriculture to move funds within their department. He made opening remarks and discussion followed. Senator Gaskill recognized Jamie Cashman, Department of Agriculture, for comments regarding this amendment. The vote was short form and the amendment passed with Senator Black requesting his Nay vote be recorded.

Senator Gaskill asked for consideration of Amendment 302. He recognized Deb Kozel, Legislative Service Bureau, to explain the technical changes described in this amendment. Discussion and questions followed. Representative Schrader questioned whether the amendment was overriding previous amendments. The chair recognized Doug Adkisson, Legislative Service Bureau, to recommend a division of the amendment. Representative Drake moved that Amendment 302 be divided with lines 2-12 comprising Division A. He moved to strike lines 2-5 within Division A, and instructed the bill drafters to incorporate lines 6-12 in the bill. Discussion followed. Representative Eddie called for short form on Division A. The motion carried.

Senator Gaskill took up Division B, which included lines 13-18. A short form vote was requested, and the motion carried.

The Chair took up Amendment 303. Representative Drake presented the amendment relating to the burning of buildings. Short form vote was requested and the motion carried. Senator Sexton registered a Nay vote.

Senator Gaskill took up Amendment 701, relating to state nurseries. Discussion followed. Representative Eddie made a sense amendment to line 16, changing "two million" to "two and a half million". A short form vote passed the sense amendment by a vote of 13-1, with Senator Sexton registering a Nay vote. Senator Fink questioned the reasoning behind the amendment. Senator Gaskill recognized Deb Kozel and she offered an explanation. Questions and discussion followed. A division vote was requested and the amendment passed 8-6. Ayes: Gaskill, Greiner, Drake, Kettering, Mertz, Baudler, Eddie, and Hahn. Nays: Sexton, Black, Fink, May, Quirk, and Schrader.

Senator Gaskill brought up LSB 6016, as amended, for final consideration. Discussion followed. A record vote was requested, and the bill passed 8-6. Ayes: Gaskill, Sexton, Greiner, Drake, Kettering, Baulder, Eddie, and Hahn. Nays: Black, Fink, Mertz, May, Quirk, and Schrader.

Representative Kettering moved the committee arise at 12:07 PM.

Senator Thurman Gaskill, Co-Chairman

Gerry Gaskill, Secretary